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AN INTERVIEW WITH E. HOWARD HUNT

JIM HARTZ: President Nixon has resigned and been pardoned, but other men who were allied with him, either directly or indirectly, are now in jail, on trial or free on appeal. The Watergate scandal seemingly has no end. One of the reasons it will be with us for a while, for some time to come, is because a good many of the people who were involved have written or will write books about it. And there is always the hope that perhaps somewhere in those books we will find something new.

And so it is that we come to introduce you this morning to Mr. E Howard Hunt, the man who was involved in the Democratic -- in the break-in at the Democratic National Headquarters -- Committee Headquarters at the Watergate Hotel. He was also involved in the break-in of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, Dr. Fielding. Mr. Hunt has written a book. It is called "Undercover". "Memoirs of an American Secret agent" is the subtitle. And what distinguishes Mr. Hunt from his friends and associates and enemies in the Watergate affair is that he is probably the most experienced writer in the group, having to his credit a long list of spy novels, really. Isn't that correct?

E. HOWARD HUNT: That's correct.

HARTZ: At any rate, he is with us here today and we want to discuss his role in this affair and his feelings now, after a good deal of it is beyond [sic].

Mr. Hunt, you had a rather interesting life before you got involved in this. You came from a fairly well-to-do family. You went to Brown University. You had a naval career, Central Intelligence Agency. And then got involved in the Watergate affair. May I ask you how all of that led to where you are now, what went through your mind.